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SPEED POST PASSPORT SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started Speed Post Passport Service;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for expansion of the said service;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of post offices in the country in which passport applications are received State-wise;

(f) whether the Government is aware of the postal delay in the issuance of passports; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. Department of Posts, in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, has introduced Speed Post Passport Service with effect from March 9, 2001.

(b) The salient features of Speed Post Passport Service are as follows:-

Sale of Passport application forms (for new passport only)
Acceptance of completed Passport application forms (for new passport only)
Checking the Application forms with reference to prescribed checklist
Despatch of the Application forms to Passport Office
Delivery of Passport issued by Passport Office by using Speed Post Service

(c) & (d) Department of Posts has expanded Speed Post Passport Service to 1093 post offices across the country in September 2006 after consultation with Ministry of External Affairs. Further expansion of this service will depend upon assessment of demand and requirements of Ministry of External Affairs.

(e) A statement showing number of post offices in the country in which passport applications are received (state-wise) is given in the Annexure.

(f) & (g) Passports are issued by Ministry of External Affairs. Department of Posts only delivers the passport

ANNEXURE
Number of post offices in the country in which passport applications are received (State-wise)

Name of the Postal Circle	Name of the State	Number of post offices
Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	102
Assam	Assam	34
Bihar	Bihar	16

Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	09
Delhi	Delhi	65
Gujarat	Gujarat	71
Haryana	Haryana	27
Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	29
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir	14
Jharkhand	Jharkhand	24
Karnataka	Karnataka	44
Kerala	Kerala	41
Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	52
Maharashtra	Maharashtra	69
	Goa	03
North East	Meghalaya	10
	Tripura	09
	Manipur	05
	Mizoram	05
	Arunachal Pradesh	04
	Nagaland	07
Orissa	Orissa	52
Punjab	Punjab	35
Rajasthan	Rajasthan	35
Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	140
Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	117
Uttaranchal	Uttaranchal	28
West Bengal	West Bengal	42
	Sikkim	03
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	01

Total	1093